

Judge John W. Riley

Prominent Democratic Leader
in Rowan County and County
Judge--Serving His First Term
With Marked Ability.

Scored a Brilliant Victory Last November in the Face of Large
Republican Odds.

Rowan county has reason to boast of her able and efficient roster of county officials, and their splendid service thus far. Looking over the list, one is deeply impressed with the excellent service rendered by Judge John W. Riley in the capacity of County Judge of that progressive county, noted for its active commercial and industrial life and its intelligent and progressive citizenship. Judge Riley is a leader among men and has devoted a lifetime of energy and endeavor to business pursuits, scoring merited success in all his undertakings. He is a man of affairs and a master of every business detail with which he is connected. As an attorney, he is able, enthusiastic and has achieved that success which attends

the aggressive and accomplished practitioner.

Enjoying a most enviable record as a lawyer and recognizing his fitness for judicial honors, Democracy extended to him at the county convention of 1909 the unsought honors as standard bearer of his party at the head of the ticket.

Judge Riley, being a Democrat of unquestioned loyalty, and bearing a fine record of devotion to the cause, graciously shouldered the responsibilities and made a most brilliant race, winning out by a handsome majority in the face of large Republican odds. His election to that proud position was due to his splendid character, his fitness and his sterling citizenship. It was a fine tribute to the man and but

in the State are tried out on their merits, unless Attorney Young is engaged, as head of counsel.

Mr. Young is a native of Rowan and enjoys a large practice and no man in the State stands higher in the profession, nor his professional service in greater demand than is Attorney W. A. Young.

His legal career is noted and being yet a young man of splendid intellectual capacity, well versed in law, popular with his associates, the future is indeed most promising. In politics Mr. Young is an ardent Democrat and a leader in Ninth District politics.

In recognition of his ability and influence, he was chosen District Chairman and the party's destiny confined to his care and keeping.

As chairman he has been loyal and zealous in his service and given the utmost satisfaction to his Democratic brethren.

He has demonstrated his ability and leadership on more than one occasion and no man in the Ninth Congressional District could have rendered more valuable service in that capacity than he.

While an enthusiastic and active

worker in the ranks, sacrificing personal interests at times in the interests of his party, Mr. Young, although importuned by his friends, has never sought political honors. His is a service of unselfish devotion from principle and that the success of the party founded by Jefferson and standing for the administration of a government of the whole people. The Democratic party in the Ninth Congressional District has an abiding faith in Chairman Young's ability to land the old ship at the port of victory this coming November, and placing implicit confidence in him the sovereigns in this district await with bated breath the decision of the Ninth Congressional District Democracy, which convenes July 27th. Over that convention Mr. Young will preside, in his characteristic manner, wielding an influence and strength in the cause that will no doubt play an important part in redeeming the district to Democracy once again. The Advocate in its Special Edition, is pleased to present this sketch of Rowan's most able and influential son and predict for him a long and successful career in the professional and public life of our great commonwealth.



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day, among the leading law abiding counties of the State. Mr. Caudill resides in Morehead, the county seat, and is highly connected there. He is also identified with the various interests in Morehead and is a progressive and important factor in that town's advancement and prosperity. He is decidedly popular with all classes and has the requisite energy necessary to success in any undertaking.

As Sheriff he is deserving of much praise for the splendid manner in which he has conducted his office. Being a young man of sterling qualities

and eminently qualified for public duties, we doubt not that still higher honors await him as a fitting tribute to his real worth and a reward for faithful devotion, in public life.

The Advocate, in this Special Edition, devoted to the various interests of Eastern Kentucky, in which Morehead, capital of Rowan county plays an important role, makes special mention of Mr. Caudill, because he is a prominent factor in affairs there, and a thoroughly representative citizen, whom we recognize as worthy of recognition in this Special Edition.



JUDGE J. W. RILEY

demonstrates the high esteem in which he is held by the sovereigns of his county and the confidence placed in him as a faithful public servant.

His record at the head of Rowan's public affairs is indeed a clean one, and no Judge has ever presided over the destiny of this county with a greater degree of ability and honesty than has the subject of this sketch. His every act in public life has met the approval of the masses, irrespective of party, and the people have no reason for regret in choosing him for a four years' term.

We doubt not that Judge Riley will so conduct himself both in public and private life that when his four years have expired an admiring and satisfied constituency will reward his service with still greater honors. We say this because of his fitness and his extreme popularity, and without view of appealing to Judge Riley's vanity in the least. In conducting his county's

affairs and presiding over the various courts in which the county is most concerned, he has exercised judgment and fairness and his decisions are noted for their brevity and soundness. He has demonstrated his ability, not only as a lawyer, but as an interpreter; a thorough judge of the law and its phases, this, coupled with sound reasoning and practical common sense, has aided him much in presiding successfully over the various interests of his county.

The Advocate in this Special Edition, devoted to the leading commercial and professional interests of Montgomery and adjacent counties, takes pleasure in presenting this sketch of one of Rowan county's most able and popular public officials. He is a native of Nicholas county and resides at Morehead, where he is identified with the leading interests of that community and is held in high esteem by all the people.

HON. W. A. YOUNG

A Lawyer of Note and Ability, With a National
Reputation--One of the Most Prominent
Democratic Leaders in Eastern Kentucky.

A MAN OF ACTION.

Representative in every sense, of the large and varied interests of Rowan county the Hon. Will A. Young, an able and forceful attorney of Morehead, stands foremost among the young men in public and professional life in Eastern Kentucky.

Mr. Young is a lawyer by profession and professes a superior knowledge of the fundamental principles of law, added to this he is a man of force and aggressiveness, which enables him to cope with the ablest attorneys of the

State in legal battle, no matter how grave the case may be.

Mr. Young has quite a record in the courts of the land, having engaged in many legal battles of note and in most instances achieving success through his extraordinary legal acumen and eloquent appeal before a jury. While strong in civil practice and quite successful, it seems that criminal practice is most to his liking and when engaged he is most formidable in defense. Indeed, few cases of gravity

Progressive Owingsville.

One of the Foremost Little Towns In
the Blue Grass Section--Noted for
Its Wealth, Culture and Com-
mercial Activity.

The Center of a Rich and Prosperous Ter-
ritory; County Seat of Bath County.

Owingsville, county seat of Bath, with her enterprising and prosperous population of 1,200, is located in the center of Bath county and is the center of the most fertile region in the State.

It is an ideal home town, peopled by an intelligent and substantial citizenship, noted for their high breeding and generous hospitality.

Owingsville is a typical Southern town and is the home of wealth, culture and refinement. There's not, in fact a town of its population in the State that can probably equal its commercial strength and financial standing.

She has a splendid and well governed municipality and enjoys a fine system of electric lighting. With pure water in abundance, macadamized streets and excellent sidewalks, beautiful shaded avenues and magnificent homes, all of which make an ideal home town, at once impressing and most inviting to the stranger.

Here business in all branches flourishes, because there is an unusual thrift and progression in all lines of trade, especially that of farming and stock raising, which constitutes the real business life and energy of that section.

The main business thoroughfares show wonderful business activity and from a stranger's view point, its mercantile houses are ahead, in metropolitan lines, of other towns of equal population in the State. Main street is indeed the center of great business. Here a large number of large commercial edifices meet the demands of a large and prosperous trade. These are stocked with modern, up-to-date merchandise and are conducted by men noted for their business acumen, progressive policies and substantial standing in the commercial world. The annual volume of business amounts to an immense sum, placing Owingsville foremost among the towns in Eastern Kentucky.

Owingsville is a peaceful and picturesque town, and stands on an upland with beautiful slopes, leading off into valleys below and in the central part of the county. The town has one free graded school, two banks and three churches, a number of business houses and modern homes.

Her citizens take great pride in school advancement and the moral sentiment of the community is of a pronounced type. It is decidedly doubtful whether there is any town of its

class in the State that has the wealth of Owingsville.

While wealth abounds, an economic administration of the city's affairs admit of many needed civic improvements and holds down the tax rate to 60 cents on the \$100.

Ample hotel accommodations afford first class facilities to visitors and commercial men and visitors can reach Owingsville from Preston, on the C. & O., by stage in a half hour, the distance being but five miles from the station. Fine macadam pikes connect Owingsville with all the leading towns in Central and Eastern Kentucky.

Ample telegraphic and telephone service give communication with the outside world and the mail service is first class.

A drive from Mt. Sterling, a distance of fifteen miles, to Owingsville, gives to the stranger a grander conception of the real beauty and natural wealth of Bath county and Owingsville. Along the Owingsville pike is an ever varying scene of pastoral beauty and picturesqueness that cannot be surpassed anywhere.

The country is undulating and dotted with grand old trees, while the rich fields are prolific with growing products peculiar to limestone soil.

Many large estates present to view along the winding route the great possibilities of farm life. Lowing herds of high bred cattle are seen on hills and dales, while sheep and hogs abound in large numbers. Tobacco of the best variety, grows in healthy profusion and helps materially in the enrichment of the farmer, all of which adds to the prosperity and advancement of Owingsville, the busy metropolis of the county.

Bath County's Progress.
The stranger who has never visited Bath county will be favorably impressed with its picturesque beauty and natural wealth. The fame of Bath county as a center of a rich stock breeding and agricultural section is nation wide, and as a consequence this interest alone is a great source of revenue to the county.

It is also noted for its fine bred horses, Shorthorn cattle, which carry ribbons all over the State.

Bath county, the 56th formed in the State, was organized in 1811 and named from the great number of mineral springs within her borders. Bath occupies a position in the Northeastern

part of the State, is bounded on the North by Fleming, on the East by Fleming, Rowan and Menifee, on the South by Menifee and Montgomery, and on the West by Montgomery and Nicholas.

The Licking river runs along the entire Eastern and Northern boundaries of the county. It is drained by Licking river, State and Flat creeks and their tributaries.

The soil of Bath county is of limestone origin, with a slight mixture of gray sand, and in some parts of the county, especially along the Maysville pike, the deepest and richest blue grass soil in the State is found. Land all over the county is productive and in the most favorable section excels in production any soil in the Blue Grass Region.

Streams through the county are spanned by good iron bridges and good macadamized pikes afford the farmer and traveler the best facilities for travel.

There are many fine farms in the valleys along these streams. They are well improved and in a high state of cultivation. Staples of the farm are corn, wheat, oats, rye and tobacco.

The Bath county farmers are supplying the home consumption and are shipping a great amount to the market. All the grasses grown in the State flourish here and contribute a large source of revenue to the county. Bath county derives her chief source of revenue from her fertile fields and diversified farming interests makes possible the greatest progression. Sharpsburg, in Bath county, is a prosperous town of 600 and Salt Lick is noted as being the center of the great oil and lumber industry.

The county has one hundred and sixty-three miles of macadamized road and with a good road system keep them in good repair.

Dirt roads are worked by citizens under their old road system. The common schools of Bath county, 57 in number, are very good, wisely managed and well attended. Three free graded schools make adequate, ample educational facilities. While there are thirty churches, with an intelligent and aggressive ministry in charge, all of which has brought a high standard of morals and education.

Five banks in the county give adequate service in a financial way and these banks are among the strongest financial institutions in the State. Farming is engaged in very extensively, and by methods of rotation they are improving their lands rapidly.

Bath is a rich county and pays a

total value of property for taxation of near \$5,000,000, and the tax rate, including turnpikes and general expenses, is \$1.00 on each \$100 assessed. This gives a revenue to the county of upward of \$45,000.

Bath county is ably administered by a roster of intelligent officials who are clever and ever attentive to their duties. Her public buildings in Owingsville are a credit to the county and kept in good repair. The county is in the 9th Congressional District; 6th Appellate; 21st Judicial; 35th Senatorial and 94th Legislative District.

The county is Democratic and has a complete Democratic administration, among whom are the leading, substantial citizens of the county.

While farming is the chief occupation much iron ore exists in the county and is mined and shipped.

This suggests the need of iron furnaces in the field and present an opportunity to capitalists for investigation and investment.

A. N. CROOKS

County Judge of Bath County and
a Prominent Factor in the
Growth and Advancement of
Our Sister County--A Man of
Sterling Qualities and a Loyal
Democrat.

The administrative duties incumbent upon a County Judge of a county like Bath certainly demands a man of force and ability, and especially does the office call for a man well versed in the law and its application, a man of even and well balanced mind and, lastly, absolute fairness and firmness.

Certainly no man in public life has measured more closely to the standard outlined than has Judge A. N. Crooks, who is now serving with distinction at the head of Bath county in a judicial capacity. Judge Crooks has a splendid life record and from an early age up to the present his life has been devoted to laudable pursuits, and by constant endeavor he has gradually forged to the front ranks among Bath county's most successful and honored sons. Being active and full of ambition to succeed, he has engaged in various pursuits, acquiring an experience which in after years served him profitably and efficiently in all his private and public undertakings.

Judge Crooks, who is a loyal Democrat, was elected last November without opposition, and when he placed the robe of authority about him he demonstrated a high ideal as an administrator of Justice, establishing a fine record which has certainly won the hearty approval of Bath county's intelligent citizenship. Judge Crooks has shown, since his induction into office, excellent administrative ability, coupled with a firm, yet a fair spirit. He knows no friends in his judicial ca-

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